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COMMENT OF THE DAY

French Crisis

WHILE crises are far from unusual in the French political scene the present upheaval will be one of the most difficult to resolve as, even if M. René Pleven, who has been charged with forming a new government, can manage to do so, it is highly improbable that such an administration could last very long in view of the existing problems which plagued the former Mollet government and finally led to its downfall on a vote of confidence.

The major parties are sharply divided on the present issues—that of the nation's financial difficulties, the Algerian question and the necessity to press ahead with the implementation of the Euronam and Common Market treaties. Here M. Pleven is finding the snags in the political river as the Socialists refuse to commit themselves until such time as he produces some concrete proposals, and so far it seems that he has been unable to do so. The Socialists also wish to see what the Conservatives, who led the revolt against M. Mollet, have in mind. The latter for their part, although having assured M. Pleven of their goodwill, are adamant that any government in power must continue with a firm line in Algeria and also drop the Socialists' plans in the financial field and re-organise the health and educational services.

To cap it all the other key group, the Popular Republicans (Catholic) Party, refuse to join a government without the Socialists so, it is no wonder that M. Pleven is confronted with such a momentous task of rallying a parliamentary majority. In spite of the financial crisis, however—a heavy foreign trade deficit and a huge budget deficit—the French economy is basically healthier than at any time since the end of the war. Production has risen and some sectors of industry are ready to compete on equal terms with other countries, but unless over-consumption and inflation are brought under control, this development will be disastrously arrested.

The other issues which France faces are of minor importance compared with the ticklish Algerian problem, and it is on this issue that the previous government failed to show courage and responsibility. There is now no half-way stage between a military administration and independence. The first alternative could not last for very long without severe repercussions in France itself and there is strong opposition to the Lacoste regime in Algeria and moves are afoot to strangle it.

THE answers to the financial and Algerian problems are France's responsibility and must be treated as such, but the Euronam and Common Market treaties directly affect other European countries who are apprehensive of French political instability and as long as this instability exists there is little likelihood of ratification. At least the former Premier had a plan which is more than can be said for the galaxy of ex-Premiers and party leaders so it is not surprising that M. Pleven has approached M. Mollet to find a solution to the week-old dispute.

Certainly M. Mollet is the logical contender for the task and should he be finally prevailed upon he will have to overcome the intransigence of the parties and broaden the coalition. Whatever the outcome it would be unfortunate if there were a return to "in-and-out" governments as the consequences might well prove disastrous.

BRITAIN REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD CHINCOM 'WE'LL DECIDE OUR OWN CHINA TRADE POLICY' EMBARGO—NO COMPROMISE

Heavy US Pressure On Japan And France

ONE MORE MEETING

Paris, May 27. The Chincom group discussing moves to ease the embargo on trade with China ended today's meeting still deadlocked—and the London Financial Times reported that Britain had decided to "abandon Chincom".

The Financial Times published a report from its Paris correspondent saying that Britain had told Chincom it intended to apply "unilaterally to trade with China the same regulations as those governing trade with the rest of the Soviet bloc".

Bus Strike Hits Singapore

Singapore, May 27. Gangs hurled stones at three buses in Singapore tonight a few hours after 300 bus workers declared strike in two passenger transport companies. Non-striking workers continued to drive the company buses on regular services. Hoodlums in a predominantly Chinese area stoned

passing buses breaking glass panes and injuring one passenger. Eyewitnesses said all three incidents were separate. Police have made no arrests so far.

The strike was called because of the management's refusal to recognise the union and to reinstate 82 dismissed members.—Reuter.

MONTESI VERDICT: PIERO PICCIONI FOUND NOT GUILTY

Venice, May 28. The Venice Tribunal early today found Piero Piccioni, son of a former Italian Foreign Minister, not guilty of the manslaughter of Wilma Montesi, 21-year-old carpenter's daughter, whose name was given to Italy's biggest postwar scandal case.

Also acquitted were:

Ugo Montagna, 54 landowner and self-styled Sicilian "marquis", accused of aiding and abetting Piccioni by trying to silence the crime.

Saverio Polito, 78, former police chief of Rome, accused of the same crime as Montagna. MODEL CONVICTED

The only person convicted after the four-month trial, one of the longest and costliest in Italian criminal history, was the existentialist model, Adriana Biscaccia, sentenced to ten months in prison for "fabricating a crime".

Accused together with the three principal defendants were eight other defendants accused of false testimony and of withholding information.

Adriana Biscaccia, a dark-haired beauty, was accused of fabricating a crime by telling police she was drugged and kidnapped by a mysterious band who she hinted as led by Montagna.

Piccioni rushed over to his brother and embraced him as the verdict was announced. He said he wants to make a piano playing tour of the United States.

IS FATHER DIVINE DEAD?

Philadelphia, May 26. Father Divine, Negro cult leader, is dead, policemen who patrol around his headquarters believe. A spokesman at Divine's headquarters here, however, denied it. Father Divine's service, has no first name. Police assigned to the district in which Divine's headquarters is located, however, said the "scuttlebutt" is that the guy is dead."

Patrolmen based their opinion on failure of Divine to "present himself at any of his numerous "events" held at his headquarters "heavens" throughout the City.

"and they would splash it all over their paper whenever he showed up somewhere. But there's been nothing happening lately."

When asked about Divine's appearance, Miss Darling said he had been "quite busy with his office duties." When asked when he made his last appearance, she said: "last couple of weeks, two or three weeks ago, while you'd see him," one patrolman said.

GERMANS TELL BRITAIN: WE CAN'T BREAK KRUPPS' EMPIRE

Makarios Says

'No Talks As Long As I Am Banned'

Hamburg, May 27. Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus in an interview published today said he would refuse political negotiations with Britain as long as he is banned from Cyprus.

The archbishop also said, "I have no political ambitions. As soon as Cyprus is liberated I shall cease to be a national leader."

In a question-and-answer report published in the West German news magazine "Der Spiegel" (The Mirror) today, Makarios answered the question what he would do if Britain would try to seek contact with him for negotiations about the fate of Cyprus:

"If this refers to negotiations about the political future of Cyprus, I am not ready to enter any negotiations as long as the bar preventing me from entering Cyprus has not been lifted." I Fight For Freedom

Makarios stressed that he was elected by the Greek people of Cyprus as their religious and national leader.

"I fight for the freedom of my fatherland and the moment my fatherland is free I shall be happy to be able to return to the role of only a religious leader," Makarios said.

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"That is a blunt lie," Makarios said. "What they found was an old unusable pistol in the room of a blind 70-year-old priest."

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REPUBLICANS TO RESTORE PART OF CUT

Washington, May 27. President Eisenhower suffered a setback in Congress today when House Republican leaders decided to restore only a fourth of the defense budget cut.

The House Republican Policy Committee agreed to offer amendments to the military appropriations bill which would put back about \$500,000,000 of the \$1,200,000,000 the President wanted. They conceded they had no chance of restoring the rest.—United Press.

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Mollet Asked To Resume Premiership

Paris, May 27.

M. René Pleven, near

Redon's statement attempt-

ing to solve the French

political crisis, today saw

the outgoing Socialist Prime

Minister, M. Guy Mollet,

and is believed to have

urged him to return with

an enlarged version of the

old coalition.

But all indications so far

were that M. Mollet was

standing firm on his re-

signification.

The Conservatives, whose

vote on his new tax mea-

sure overthrew him in

an agreement concluded in

March 31, 1958.

He said there was no question of exempting the Krupp's family

combine from decartelisation.

TALKS FIRST

He had been asked by Mr Elwyn Jones, Labour, in the House of Commons to comment on West German proposals to waive the allied postwar deconcentration measures agreed upon in respect of Krupp.

(The splitting up of the huge Krupp industrial concern of Krupp is due to be completed by March 31, 1958.

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CHOPPER ATTACK: MAN GETS 6 YEARS

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day had what he called a "good

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here.—Reuters

Seven Die In Fall

Johannesburg, May 27.

Seven mine workers plunged

to their deaths down a goldmine shaft today.

A company spokesman at the Western reefs shaft said the men were working on a

platform when it tipped over,

spilling them into the mine.

United Press.

England in turn is asking for

some immediate programme of

action leading to compensation

for British subjects and private

firms whose goods have been

seized or seized or seized

or confiscated or seized by

the Egyptians.

It is also reportedly stating

its governmental claims for

property seized by Egypt and

for its shares in the old Suez

Canal Company.—United Press.

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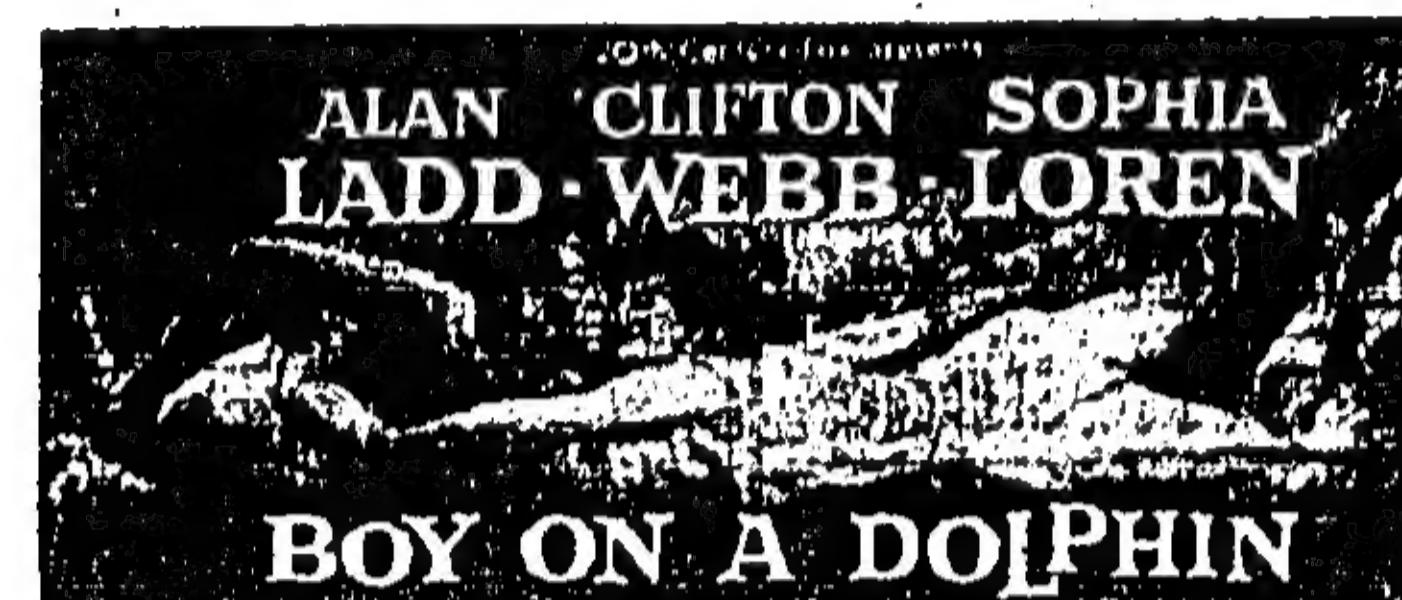
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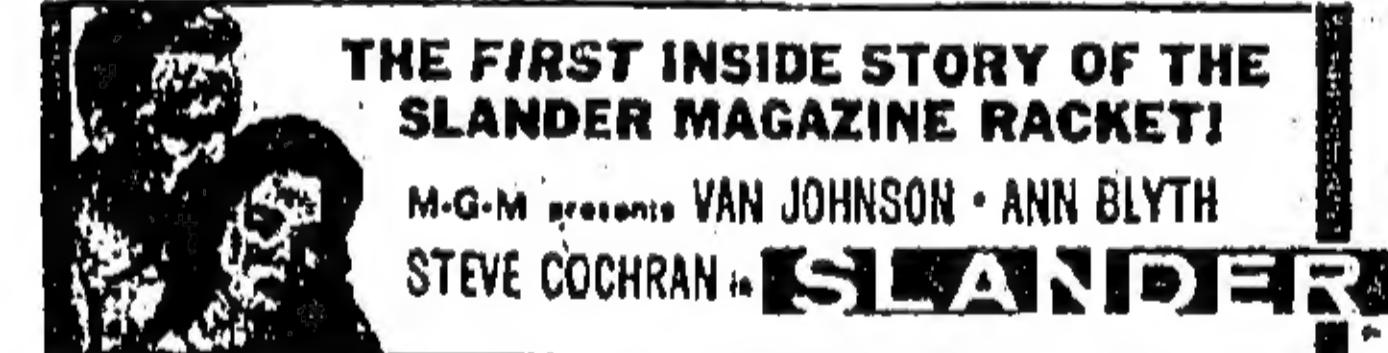
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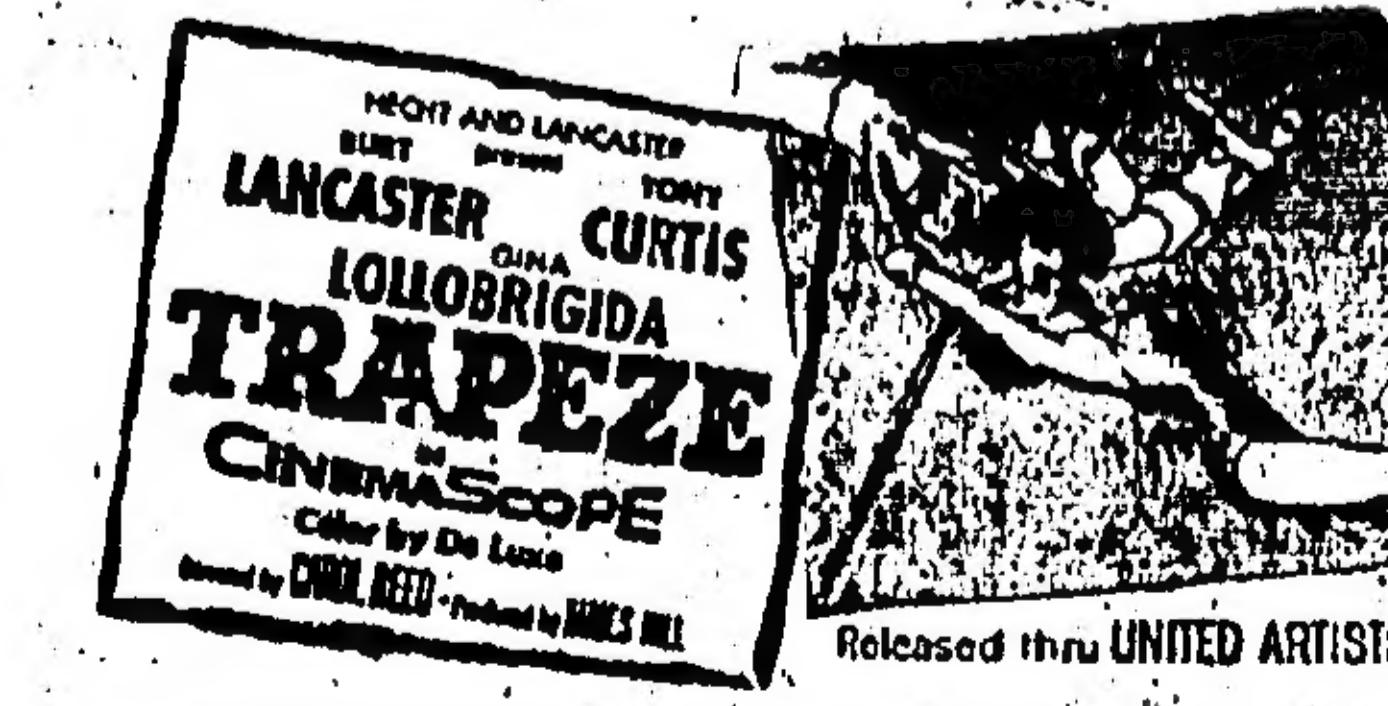
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SECRET TRIP TO RUSSIA

Gomulka Seeking Soviet Economic Assistance?

By RUSSELL JONES

Warsaw, May 27. Polish Communist boss Wladislaw Gomulka, Prime Minister Josef Cyrankiewicz and two of the country's top economic experts returned today from Moscow after pleading for immediate Soviet aid to stave off a major economic crisis.

The mission was carried out in comparative secrecy and was ignored in the Moscow and Polish press, although it lasted three days and was regarded as one of the most important Russian-Polish conferences since last summer's Poznan

Although neither Russian nor Polish officials would confirm what went on during the trip, informed sources said the Polish leaders called at the Kremlin to

ask for immediate economic aid. The sources said that to stave off a major economic crisis Poland needs at least \$300 million—or three times the amount of aid proposed by United States authorities. The aid would include credit, and hard cash.

Gomulka and other Polish leaders were invited to visit Moscow several weeks ago. But the trip was delayed until after the ninth plenum of the Polish Communist Party, held here 10 days ago.

While government officials refused all comment when asked to confirm or deny reports of the trip, Western observers here said it was a "logical consequence" to the country's deteriorating economic condition and the delay and reduced size of US aid.

"The Poles need credit desperately," they said. "And if they cannot get it from the West, Russia is the place they must turn to."

In addition to hard currency to boost their imports of consumer goods, the Poles need credit to modernise their mines, factories and agriculture.

There had been no mention or speculation about the visit in the Polish press, and observers felt the government preferred not to make an announcement until there was something concrete to report.

Rumours Buzzed

In the absence of a communiqué on the subject Warsaw buzzed with rumours tonight on the purpose of a trip kept so secret.

Theories include:

★ 1. Poland's appeal for American aid is not meeting with the success expected, and the Poles went to Moscow to tell the Russians "You will help us."

★ 2. Mr Gomulka explained to the Russians various points arising out of the three-day meeting of the Polish Communist Party's Central Committee earlier this month at which Mr Gomulka was believed by political observers to have beaten down opposition by the Stalinist old guard against his "democratisation" programme.

★ 3. Moscow has given the Poles advice on how this "democratisation" should be continued—China Mail Special and United Press.

New Danish Government Formed

Copenhagen, May 27. A new Danish Government was formed here tonight, ending a 12-day-old political crisis.

It is a coalition of Social Democrats, Radicals and members of the Single Tax Party.

The crisis was caused by the resignation of the Social Democratic minority party, after it had lost four of its 74 parliamentary seats in Denmark's general election on May 14.

The new coalition holds 93 of the 179 seats in the single-chamber parliament and is the first majority government to take office in Denmark since the war.

It is headed by Mr Hans Christian Hansen, the retiring Prime Minister, who retains both his old posts of Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

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AMERICA FAILS TO GET ACCOUNT OF MISSING POWS

Washington, May 27.

The Defence and State Departments reported to Congress today their failure to get the Chinese Communists to account for 450 American prisoners of the Korean war.

Spokesmen for the Departments said they had been programming the Americans as dead. But they said their unrecruited efforts to make the Communists account for the prisoners in the hope that some may be alive and will be returned to their families.

"There isn't any evidence that any of them are alive,"

said Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson.

Stephen S. Jackson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, agreed. He said there is "the possibility" that some of the US prisoners are still alive, the Defense Department has no "further positive information or intelligence from any source that such is the case."

Robertson and Jackson testified before a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee. With them was Alexius Johnson, US Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and chief US negotiator for the return of the missing men.

Johnson said he had held 67 meetings with the Communists at Geneva, Switzerland, since August, 1955, and on "numerous occasions" brought up the question of the war prisoners many times.

CONSISTENT

"Their answer has consistently been that they have no prisoners of ours," Johnson said. "They say we have told you about all the prisoners we held. We have no others."

Jackson said that the Defence Department through various intelligence sources originally knew that the Chinese and North Korean Communists held 644 US prisoners not returned in the prisoner exchange after the war.

This number was reduced to 450 later, he said.

The Communists, he said, have refused to give any information on the fate of these men.

United Press.

Search For Pyromaniac

Tokyo, May 27. Northern Japanese police today began an extensive search for a pyromaniac reported to be responsible for a total of 14 fires which occurred in Akita City, Northern Japan, during the past 24 hours.

A police spokesman said all the fires were started on busy thoroughfares in local government offices.

Akita City fire brigades were able to save five buildings but five others were completely gutted and four others partially destroyed.

There were no casualties, although some firemen suffered minor burns—Reuter.

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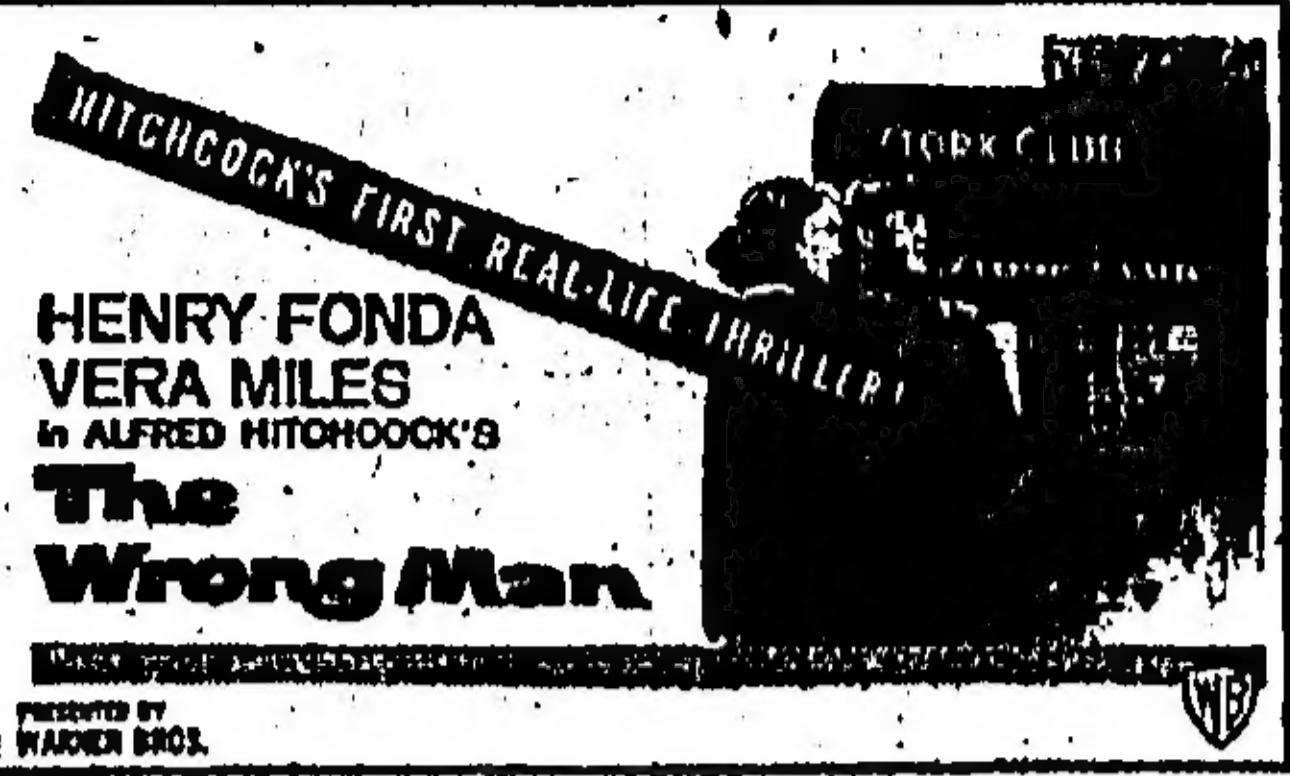
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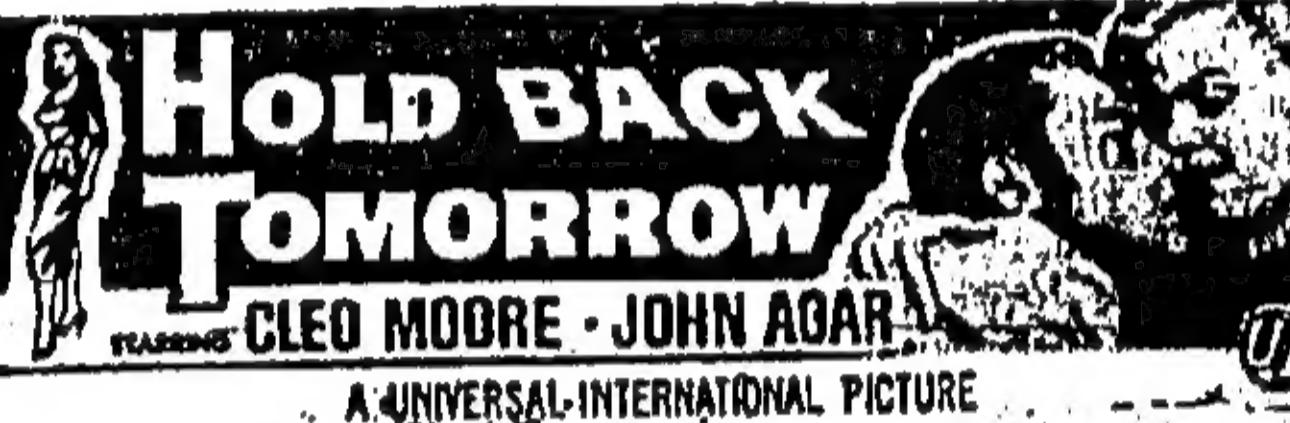
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happen, one of Britain's
most distinguished sailors,
Admiral Sir Dudley North
C-in-C, North Atlantic
was summarily dismissed.

Was justice done?

For years a debate has
gone on. Parliament has
argued. Admiral North's
fate. His brother admirals
have fought to clear his
name. Deeply pained by
name, he said that Admiral
North was made the scapegoat
of Whitehall's own
mistakes. A full inquiry has
always been refused.

But now startling new
evidence has come to light.

Admiral North now in
retirement has opened his
secret diary to the Defence
Correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Those files contain
not only Admiral North's
internal messages to
himself, memoranda
but also documents from
the Admiralty, the Governor
of Gibraltar, Admiral
Somerville, and other key
figures. "This constitutes
one of the most remarkable
and untold stories of
World War II."

Whatever the final ver-
dict on Admiral North may
be, these documents de-
monstrate that while official
refusal to permit an
inquiry may have been
motivated by a desire to
protect in such a refusal
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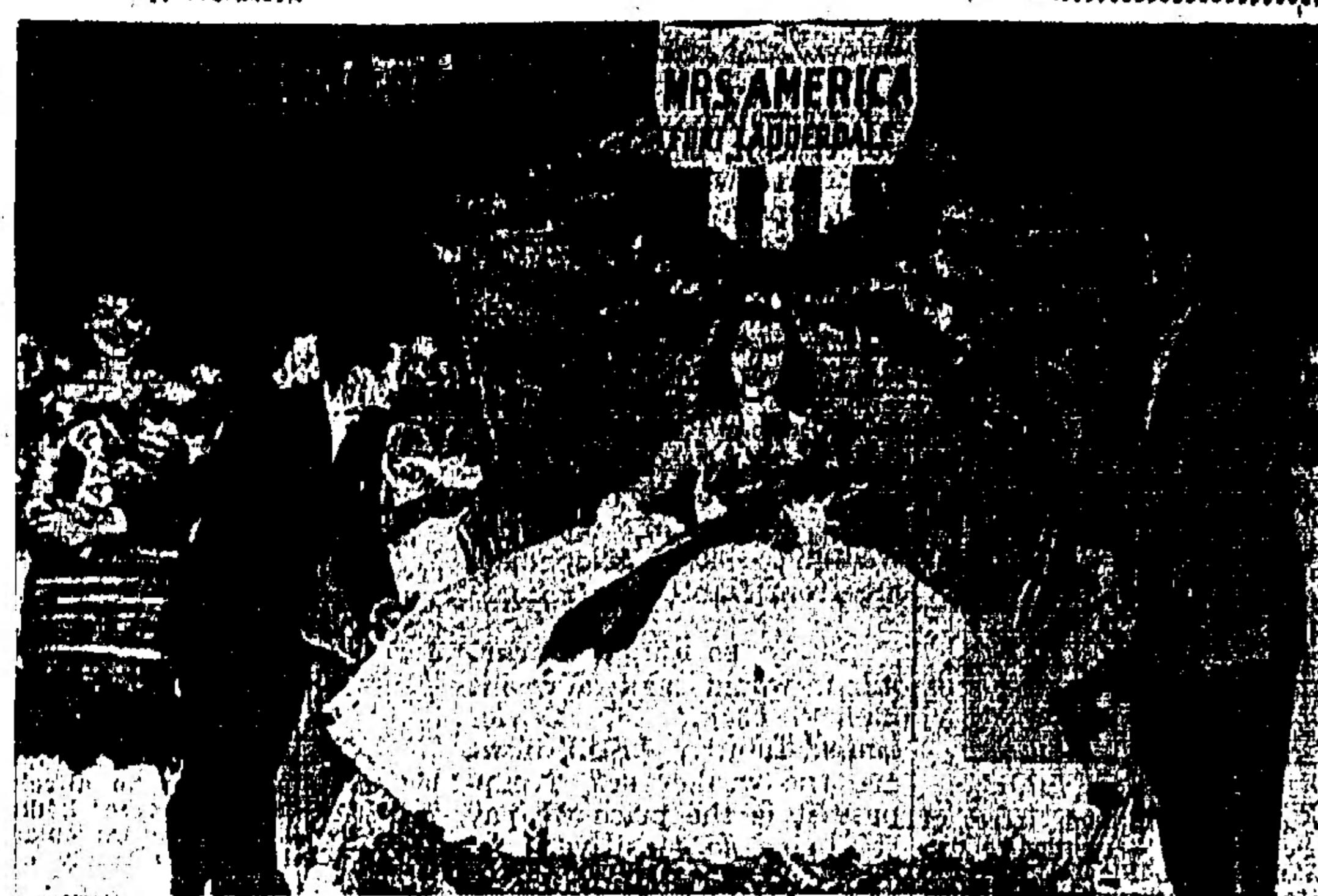
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Mrs America 1957 Elected



Mrs Linwood Findley, 32 of Arlington, Virginia, pictured after her election in Fort Lauderdale as "Mrs. America 1957." Mrs. Findley has been 18 years married to a US Air Force Lieutenant-colonel, has four children. In the competition she scored in such events as cooking, baking, sewing, ironing and table-decoration. Her favourite household task is gardening. Plans that go with the "Mrs. America" title include a trip to Europe for Mrs. Findley and her husband and a newly-equipped kitchen. —Express Photo.

RUSSIAN TROOPS TO STAY 'TEMPORARILY' IN HUNGARY

Budapest, May 27.

Hungary and the Soviet Union today signed an agreement in Budapest on the legal status of Russian troops "temporarily stationed" in Hungary, it was announced here.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Marshal Zhukov, Defence Minister, who arrived here by air today from Moscow, signed for the Soviet Union.

Hungary's signatories were the Foreign Minister, Mr Imre Horvath, and Defence Minister General Géza Revesz.

The Hungarian Foreign Ministry announced the signing but gave no details of the text of the agreement.

A spokesman said this would probably be published in the next few days.

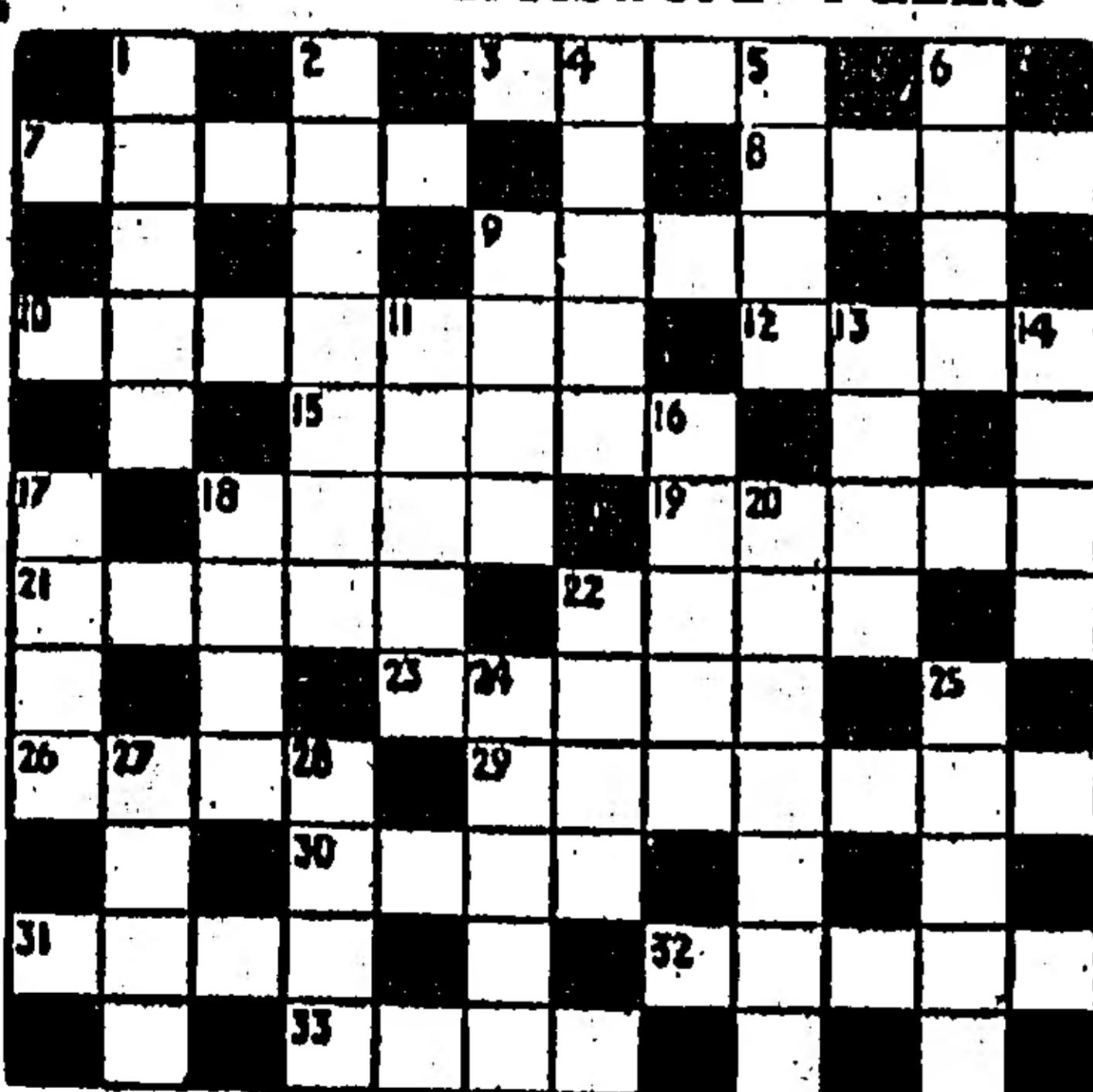
Aggression

The announcement recalled a joint Soviet-Hungarian statement two months ago that Soviet troops should remain in Hungary in view of the present international situation, and in the interests of "common defence against possible aggression from the North Atlantic bloc."

Discussions on the agreement in Hungary's parliament building on the Danube shore were held "in an atmosphere of cordial friendship and mutual understanding," the announcement said.

Brest, May 27. Three persons were killed today when a shell exploded in a gunpowder factory near Brest. Three persons were also injured in the blast. The origin of the explosion was not immediately known. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
 3 Benign (4).
 7 Vagrant (5).
 8 Land measure (4).
 9 Slept (4).
 10 Stir up (7).
 12 Liquid measure (4).
 15 Wrong (6).
 16 Top-liner (4).
 19 Perfect (5).
 21 Drugs (6).
 22 Melody (4).
 23 Sealed (6).
 26 Notice (4).
 28 Disease (4).
 30 Clever (4).
 31 Notice (4).
 32 Narrative (5).
 33 Cast off (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Collar, 7 Isle, 9 Merry, 10 Cast, 11 Soon, 13 Resolution, 15 Lever (and rev.), 16 Bag, 19 Bedlam, 23 Soot, 24 Revol, 25 Lever, 26 Rite, 27 Damask, 28 Down, 29 Jester, 30 Royal, 4 Recite, 5 Dissolve, 6 Also, 8 Stone, 12 Nerve, 13 Rites, 14 Observed, 17 Great, 18 Filled, 20 Impe, 21 Note, 22 Rest, 23 Rest.

INSTRUMENTS—In the Kandilli Observatory in Istanbul were cracked by the disturbances. Extra at United Press.

Cyprus Would Function As Front Line

Nicosia, May 27. Proposals for an eventual move of the British Joint Middle East Headquarters from Cyprus to East Africa are understood to be under study at present, informed military sources said here today.

They added that the proposals were believed to have been submitted by a committee of the Imperial General Staff following its recent visit to Kenya.

The sources were commenting on British Press report that the Joint Headquarters would be split into Northern and Southern Sections, with the Southern Headquarters in Kenya. The Northern Section would remain in Cyprus.

A Headquarters spokesman said the reports were "pure speculation" and there was no question of splitting the Headquarters, which was planned seven years ago and implemented earlier this month.

But informed military sources said that an eventual move of the Headquarters from Episcopi, South Cyprus, to East Africa could not be ruled out in view of the rapidly changing defence requirements in the nuclear age.

Advance Position

In the event of a transfer of the Headquarters from Cyprus, bases on the island, particularly the Royal Air Force's £24 million atom bomb base at Akrotiri, would function at advance positions.

They would fulfil British commitments of a local nature in the Middle East, such as the guarding of oil routes, membership in the Tripartite Committee on Israeli-Arab frontiers and the Bagdad Pact.

RAF sources said construction had already begun on a big new airbase in Kenya at Embonias, near Nairobi, planned for nuclear bombers.

Other reasons which are understood to be dictating the reported move of the Headquarters are said to include the following:

★ 1. In the event of the Mediterranean becoming a

NAZI POLE SUSPECTED OF KILLING

London, May 27. A renegade Pole with a Nazi past may have killed Countess Teresa Lubenska to keep her from revealing his secret, informed sources said.

A joint Russo-Hungarian commission in Budapest will deal with any dispute arising from the presence of Soviet troops in Hungary, the agreement said.

The basing of Russian troops in Hungary is consistent with international agreement and does not infringe upon the sovereignty of Hungary, Tass said.

The agreement makes movement of Soviet troops outside their bases subject to Hungarian approval, Tass said. Russian military personnel and their dependents will be subject to Hungarian civil law.

The 73-year-old Countess, a Pole, was last concentrated in Poland and was abducted to death on Friday night on a London subway platform.

Police were reported working

The agreement will take effect when ratification documents are exchanged in Moscow, Tass said. No date was set for the exchange. —United Press and Reuter.

ANOTHER QUAKE IN TURKEY

Istanbul, May 27. Another strong earthquake was recorded at the Technical University, here today in the wake of yesterday's disturbances which killed 53 people.

Centre of the new quake was estimated to be about 110 miles from Istanbul.

Nearly 800 homes are now known to have been destroyed by yesterday's earthquake in Northern Turkey. Thousands more homes were damaged.

Frequent tremors were reported from Bolu, in the centre of the stricken area. People there are staying out doors for fear their shattered homes will collapse on them.

Turkish troops rushed to the area and soldiers in medical operations. The earthquake was felt in towns within a radius of 140 miles of Bolu, including Seben, Edirne and Adapazar.

Instruments in the Kandilli Observatory in Istanbul were cracked by the disturbances. Extra at United Press.

The daughter of Countess Teresa Lubenska, today declared in Paris that "the Communists killed my mother."

The daughter, in an interview with AFP today at her modest seventy-storey walk-up room near the Arc de Triomphe, declared: "Forgive the murderer, whoever he is and wherever he is." She added: "I said a mass for him and prayed for him today."

Mademoiselle Lubenska said her mother never had expressed any opposition of assassination, but she had many enemies.

"I always had a feeling that this would happen," she said. "My mother was on their list, and so were we all. It was a terrible thing, but perhaps it is better to die this way. She died in the service of humanity and I am proud of her. She was a patriot and a Roman Catholic. She worked hard to the end. They did her a service. If I should be sent to jail, however, I would not be unhappy. —France

Extra at United Press.

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South Texas Plagued By Flash Floods

Dallas, May 27. Flash floods from rains ranging up to nearly nine inches plagued South and Southwest Texas today while some 6,000 flood fugitives of Fort Worth and Dallas to the North kept a wary eye on receding waters and new rain clouds.

Torrential rains measuring between seven and a half inches at tiny La Pryor, 21 miles south of Uvalde, closed roads and flooded streets in a score of towns south and west of San Antonio.

San Antonio itself was hit by flash flooding in the wake of more than three and a half inches of rain, but there were no injury reports of deaths or injuries.

WATERSHEDS

Most of the heavy rains came in well-heads of the Nueces and Frio Rivers, which flow for many miles through open country, without imperilling any towns.

Meanwhile, an estimated fourth of the 4,000 homeless evacuees in the flood-soaked Fort Worth area were able to return to their homes today as Sheriff Harlon Wright estimated flood damage in Tarrant County during the past month of about \$20 million.

Few of the 2,000 evacuees in neighbouring Dallas' southern fringes were able to get back to their homes today despite a three-foot drop in the Trinity River level. —United Press.

UNITED STATES WILLING TO GO HALF WAY

London, May 27. Mr Harold Staasen, Chief American delegate to the United Nations Sub-Committee on Disarmament meeting here, said in a brief statement to the committee today that the United States was willing to meet the other members half-way in any first step disarmament agreement, conference sources said.

He added that there were many difficult issues about where the half-way mark could be found.

But he felt that a partial agreement would be of mutual interest not only to the five nations on the sub-committee but also to those outside who were potential military powers.

Mr Staasen was reported as having said that the United States would be seeking a first step agreement on a sound, safeguarded basis.

The sources expected tomorrow's meeting of the sub-committee to be taken up mainly with a general discussion and exchange of views on various aspects of the complex disarmament problem. —Reuter.

NO POLLUTION FROM ATOMIC PLANTS DURABLE PEACE

Washington, May 27. The Atomic Energy Commission's medical director said today that a great many atomic power plants can operate normally in the world without danger of radioactive pollution.

Launching a series of hearings on radioactive fallout by a Senate Congressional Atomic Energy Subcommittee, Dr Charles L. Dunham stressed that production of some undesirable radioactive materials is an inevitable result of nuclear explosions.

"To say that we will tolerate radiation is equivalent to saying that we will make no use of nuclear energy," Dunham said.

He said the problem is to set standards and "balance the undesirable of further increases in the quantity of radiation with the benefits we are subject against whatever application of nuclear energy we are considering." —United Press.

Anti-A-Bomb Shelter

Paris, May 27. Work began today on a five-story building in Paris which will have France's first anti-nuclear bomb shelter.

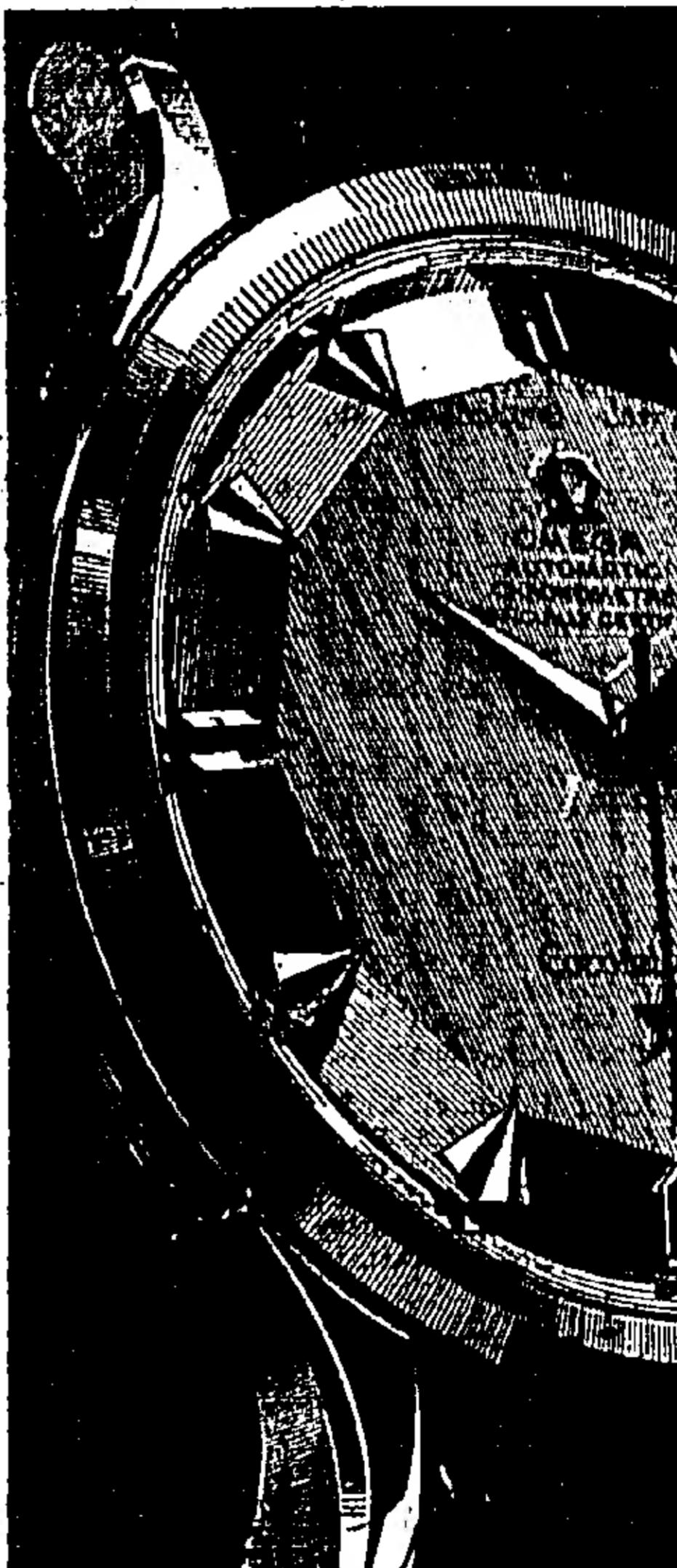
The building will have an atom shelter for 150 people protected by a reinforced concrete ceiling able to withstand a shock wave pressure of 100 tons per square metre.

The shelter will have double armoured doors, an air purifying system and an independent electric light plant. —China Mail Special.



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CHAPTER THREE

A man of the Centre

SIR EDMUND

by Bryan Adams

EVEREST, geographically speaking, is in two places at once. From the north it is approached through Tibet. From the south, through Nepal.

Seven expeditions had tackled Everest, each one going up the relatively gentle slopes of the north face. All had produced feats of incredible courage and endurance. Some had reached as high as 28,000 feet—that is, 1,000 feet from the summit. Although no man had been beyond that point, the north face was still reckoned to be the only way up Everest.

But politics reared its ugly head. Tibet closed its frontiers, sealing off the north face; from now on, it had to be Nepal or nothing. And it looked like nothing. The southern face, they said, was unclimbable. Even if anyone could master that near-vertical slope towards the top, there was still a terrible series of hazards to overcome—the Khumbu ice fall, the Western Cwm, and the Lhotse glacier.

Only the previous year an expedition had set out to look over the chances of an attack from the south. It came to a standstill, a few miles off, stuck its head sadly, and returned to report that there wasn't a hope.

But Shipton wasn't satisfied. Neither was Hillary; they wanted to see for themselves. Thus, after setting up Base Camp, the two of them set out one morning to have a look at the mountain. It was September 30, 1951.

Their climb onto a nearby ridge was more in hope than expectation. Hillary admits they didn't really expect to see much of the southern slopes; but, having reached a spur on the ridge at 20,000 feet, they looked across towards Everest.

"To my astonishment," said Hillary, "the whole valley lay revealed to our eyes." A long, narrow trough swept in an arc from the foothills to high on the mountain-side. "Even as the same thought was simmering in my mind Shipton said: 'There's a route there!' And I could hear the note of disbelief in his voice."

It was a difficult route, to be sure. It would need resources far beyond those of Shipton's little band. But a route it was, all the same. In great excitement, they climbed down to Base.

Three days afterwards they tackled the first of Everest's defences to the south—the icefall. And here, they had a foretaste of dangers to come.

As they made gradual height over the broken ground Hillary decided the snow condition looked dangerous. The other three on the party—Shipton, Riddiford, and Sherpa Pasang—seemed unconcerned. "Perhaps," thought Hillary, "I'm being unduly cautious." So he said nothing.

Now Respect

They came to a point where they had to traverse—a point where they had to walk sideways across—an almost vertical wall of snow. Hillary, at the end of the rope, felt a tightening of his stomach muscles as he drove his ice axe deep in the snow. It was instinct more than any visible sign of danger that made him take an extra firm hold.

"I had almost persuaded myself that my fears were groundless when, with a sudden crack, the whole slope broke into large blocks and started sliding with horrifying rapidity towards a crevasse. The snow under my feet quivered, slid under my feet, stopped. I threw all my weight on the ice axe and watched the other three being swept downwards, fighting for their lives."

Sherpa Pasang managed to loop in the air as the ground gave way beneath him and drove his axe hard into stable snow above. Shipton half fell, half scrambled down towards Hillary and threw himself on the firm ground that could place—

toyway they were 19,000 feet up, a height where no ordinary animal could survive.

They lay rigid, hearts pounding, until the avalanche came to rest and they could haul Riddiford to safety. With a new respect for Everest, they slowly climbed back down.

Perhaps at this stage we need a key to the terms you will read about Everest. First, the Western Cwm. Cwm is a Welsh word meaning a valley, and the Western Cwm is the valley at the foot of the mountains. Along the whole length of the Cwm lies a glacier—that is, a huge and slowly moving block of ice, some thousands of feet deep, deeply crevassed along its whole length. The glacier comes to an end at the Khumbu ice fall, where chunks of unstable ice have broken from the body of the glacier and tumbled in confusion to the ground beneath. New lumps are constantly breaking off the glacier. Between one day and the next the whole scene is liable to change completely. But the only way onto Everest was via the Khumbu glacier, and the only way onto the glacier was via the icefall. It was as simple as that.

In the weeks that followed their accident Hillary, Shipton, Hillary wished the Swiss party up the icefall and saw before them the whole length of the glacier. It was the key to the mountain. Next year, they said, next year we'll come back and get to the top.

And with a feeling of satisfaction at a job well done they returned to Kathmandu—where all their hopes had tumbled about them. They heard that the Swiss had been given permission to make the only assault of Everest in 1952.

Like a magnet, the Himalayas and Shipton drew Hillary back in 1952. Back in Britain, the authorities had decided to send Shipton out with another expedition to keep their hands in with some lesser peaks. They reckoned that the Swiss might fall in their attempt—if so, they would be ready with trained men for another assault in 1953.

It would be wrong to say that Hillary wished the Swiss party any ill luck. Rather than hoping they would fail, he hoped they wouldn't succeed—and that isn't quite the same thing.

So for him and Shipton and George Lowe the whole of the season was governed by one question: What was happening on Everest? On May 10 Hillary and Lowe, after weeks of climbing, deloused to get within reach of the Swiss. The news was disturbing. The party had battled through the icefall and into the Western Cwm, where they were building up supplies for a crack at the summit. Said Hillary: "It made our own efforts seem rather puny."

They went off to attack another peak, the Nup La, and come off with their mission completed three weeks later. It was now June 5—time when the Swiss should be coming off Everest with their story of success or failure. Had they done it? Hillary and Lowe couldn't wait to find out, but set off to meet them in the Western Cwm.

A curious thing happened on their way across the pass towards Everest. Hillary was climbing with two weather-beaten old Sherpas, Pemba and Angmeba, when half way up a steep, pitch Pemba stopped to pick something off a rock.

In great excitement he showed it to Angmeba. Hillary asked them what it was and they handed him a tuft of long black bristles. "Yeh, Sahib, Yeh!" they said. "Yeh is the Sherpa word for what we are pleased to call the Abominable Snowman. Hillary was impressed with the enthusiasm of the Sherpas. He called George Lowe and together they studied the tuft. Certainly it belonged to no animal that they could place—and

waded along through acres of rhododendrons—white, yellow, blinding scarlet. Flowers were so thick that the travellers trampled them to make a path—and on all sides was a vista of peaks and waterfalls and forests that impressed itself deeply on his memory.

It is times like this when the mountaineer forgets the discomforts of wind and snow, and fighting for breath in the heights.

Whirlpool

Down lower the clean air of the mountains gave place to the muggy atmosphere of the plains. Leeches were everywhere. Shipton pressed on with a sense of urgency, but Hillary was soon bored with the journey. He started casting about for ideas to brighten it up.

They were travelling along side a river when he hit on the notion of inflating his air mattress and using it as a raft. It worked beautifully. So he and George Lowe tied their two mattresses together and decided to let the river carry them home.

In the early hours of the morning they launched the raft on a fast-flowing stretch of river, and soon they had outstripped the party on the banks. Hillary began to feel slightly pleased with himself.

"This is the life, George," he said.

"Too right. We should have thought of it before."

After a while they realised that their craft was being carried too near the centre of the river. At the same time a powerful rear current was flowing up the valley. Rapids!

They paddled furiously towards the bank but made no headway. There ahead of them they saw that the river was smashing against an enormous bluff. On one side of the bluff were the rapids, on the other, a huge whirlpool. Willy nilly they were carried into the whirlpool.

"Hold on tight, George," he shouted. "It's our only chance."

The frail raft was spun round in diminishing circles towards the hollow in the middle. Death seemed closer to Hillary than it ever had; and all because of his whim. But there was a reprieve for them; the raft was too buoyant to be drawn under, and from the middle they were flung out violently towards the edge. And they went on spinning round and round until Shipton caught up with them and threw a line over the bank.

After this, Hillary walked back to Joghlan.

WEDNESDAY
Letters from Shipton

All in a Doctor's Day—by CEDRIC CARME

DO YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT ODD PAIN?

EVERYBODY HAS
those come-and-go
twinges; so don't let
them get you down

due to something wrong". Mr Davies persisted.

CHANGES

can hit big toe

"I don't say that exactly," I answered.

Many pains in the chest and the abdomen, for example, are due to airhole changes in the spine. And other aches can be the result of deranged body chemistry. One of the worst of this kind being in the big toe joint during an attack of gout. On the other hand many pains are of muscular origin and these are rarely of significance.

NO WORRY

if it were a burn

What people should realise is that the sensation of pain can be a great blessing. It is one way the body protects itself. It's why we soar into the air like an international goalkeeper when we sit on a tick.

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Another thing that confuses many is the assumption that the seat of trouble is where the pain is. This is far from the case. Thus a pain in the abdomen can be the result of a pneumonia, or a tingling in the hands may be due to an extra "Adam's" rib at the root of the neck. When water doesn't come from your bathroom tap, the trouble may well be in the pipes way upstairs in Mrs Compliner's flat.

"But there's nothing organically wrong with you," said Mr Davies. "You can feel your feelings pains. You can feel your feelings pains."

"Mrs Compliner in the next door flat sings," Mr Davies said gloomily. "Every time she does I want to run up there with morphine."

"You're standing all wrong," the body shouts, giving you a jab in the back. "You've eaten too many apples," the body grumbles, prodding you a helluva poke in the stomach.

"These odd pains I get are not as simple as that," Mr Davies objected.

The chemistry of the body, of course, is complex and sometimes the cause of the pain is obscure.

Every single person occasionally has a sharp pain that comes and goes as quickly as you can say "Ouch."

The best thing to do about these sort of pains is to forget them.

"You don't think odd feelings pains here and there are ever

"I suppose you realize that this may well prove another Suck!"

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

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This Funny World



• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

No-Trump Bid Easily Made

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH'S two diamond response today was the Jacoby transfer bid and demanded that South bid in hearts.

South dutifully bid two hearts whereupon North bid three clubs. This bid was not a transfer but merely showed that North held a heart-club two suited. It was also a forcing bid since North would have dropped the contract at two hearts if he held a poor hand.

In spite of the fact that North had shown a two-suited hand South decided to contract for three no-trump. North had told his story, trusted South's judgment.

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	♦AQ987		
WEST	9		
	♦K852		
	♦32		
	♦8332		
	♦J52		
EAST	7		
	♦J743		
	♦AJ98		
	♦KQ9		
	♦64		
SOUTH (D)	10		
	♦AQ109		
	♦Q4		
	♦AJ307		
	♦K103		
No one vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1.N.T.	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3.N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦3			

ment and passed. It was just as well that he did. Four hearts would almost surely have gone down.

West opened the three of hearts against the three no-trump contract and East's eight forced declarer's queen.

South led hearts right back and played dummy's seven. East won with the nine and chose to lead the three of spades. South played the ten and West the king. At this point three no-trump was home but poor West decided to return a spade.

This play gave declarer three spade tricks and he promptly took them, discarding two hearts and a diamond from dummy. He then proceeded to run the club lead and out of the last club lead East was hopelessly squeezed. He had to lay the queen of diamonds in order to hang on to the ace of hearts. This allowed declarer to make the last two tricks with the ace and jack of diamonds.

TARGET

R	E	B
G	M	A
O	N	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? In making such words, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center. There must be at least one nine-lettered word in the square. No plurals or proper names.

TODAY'S TARGET: 39 words, 39 words, very good; 40 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: 39 words, 39 words, very good; 40 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

Saving time

The speed of modern life is reflected in the American idiom.

(From an article.)

HAVING no time to stop to meet a friend, I stopped off to meet up with him. The elevator was quicker than the lift, and, as I was in such a hurry, instead of getting the visit over I got it over with. Don't waste valuable time trying this method. Try it out instead.

Sportsmanship

FOOTBALL crowds have for some time denounced the deplorable conduct of referees who allow foreign teams to beat English teams. Last week, 60,000 sportsmen, having despaired of the referee, booted the victorious Spaniards at the end of the match; a very natural protest against an outmoded system which allows the best team to win. If the San Marino team is permitted to win when

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 28

BORN today, you have an alert mind and know how to make quick decisions when the right time comes. You are impulsive, but fortunately your first impressions are likely to be the right ones. Your intuitions are keen, and at times you are quite psychic. It is likely that you have remarkably vivid dreams. You might even find profit from having them interpreted by an expert. You have a happy disposition. It is pleasure to vex you, sleep on it. You will find that your subconscious works out the tangle while you are asleep and in the morning you know exactly what to do.

You are fond of your own home and will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have a family of your own. It is probable that your house will be the centre of the social life of your community, for you are an excellent host or hostess and love to entertain. You are fond of animals and undoubtedly will have all kinds of pets around the house.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—The new moon brings increased sensitivity so as to avoid difficulties in your life. Protect your personality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Wise action will speed up results. See that you do your share in your work. Guard your health, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Friendship should be your watchword now. New ideas can bring success to a friend.

LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Be practical today, for the results of your decision may influence your future for weeks to come.

SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Be conservatively minded, rather than fussy.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—A good month, with not necessarily impedes eventual success. Things speed up after luncheon.

You women are fond of fine clothes and jewellery and like to wear frills and ruffles. You men will lead the procession of bright ties and gay sport shirts. Fond of adventure and activity, you will be happiest living in the city where there is plenty going on all the time.

A contented family life is important for your complete happiness, so an early marriage is recommended. But be sure to wed someone who also wants a large family!

Among those born on this date were: Thomas Moore, poet; Louis Agassiz, naturalist; Robert O'Halloran, actor; Avery Hopwood, producer; William A. Buckley, early Connecticut governor; Amelia J. Bloomer, reformer; Frederick Flory, chemist; and Harry Ritz, comedian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Friendship and possibly romance are the best possible gifts for you this month.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Increase personal popularity by your friendliness and you will find that success in business appears to follow.

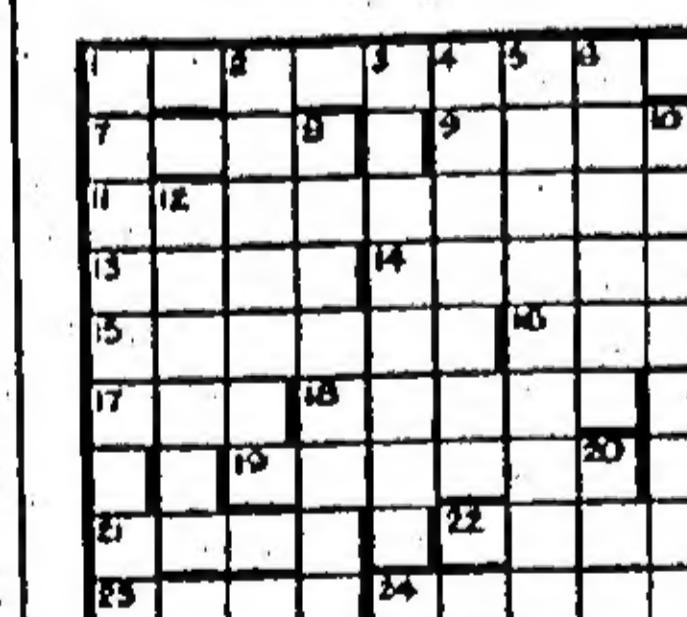
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—There may be changes in your environment, especially as it relates to close kin.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Permit no one to interfere with your efforts. Act only on facts.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Think before you act and avoid error. Brain rather than brawn will

produce the anticipated results.

CROSSWORD



1. Is this what goes through a caterpillar's mind? (6)

7. He's a player in a lament. (6)

14. Boy in perfect balance. (6)

15. They form your character. (6)

16. Given his card. (6)

17. End of a grouse. (5)

18. Words words words—these are

19. He tried to teach Nero. (6)

21. May be right in the Army. (6)

22. Cold sort of sea rover. (6)

23. Seven are talked about. (6)

24. With these can be painful. (6)

25. Don't

1. Roaming partner with 2 Down.

2. See 1 Down. (7)

3. Beneath everything. In court. (6)

4. The local council may send you a reminder of this. (6, 8)

5. Many things are in this. (6)

6. Virgil wrote about him. (6)

7. Four stars. (6)

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SOUTH CHINA BEAT KITCHEE IN THE FINAL

Police Take The Real Honours In Stanley Shield Seven-a-Side

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The Stanley Shield Seven-a-Side competition is over for another year. The trophy now stands proudly if somewhat rain-drenched beside the Senior Shield and the League Championship award on the South China sideboard and, generally speaking, there are few indeed who will quibble very much about that.

However, let us put on record that while the winner's trophy goes to Caroline Hill the real honours of the tournament go across the harbour to the Hongkong Police Sports Association whose toothballs turned in a magnificent a marathon display of tenacious fighting courage as this competition has ever seen.

The Stanley Shield is in itself an emblem of courage in a very different environment some years ago and I am certain that this performance by the Police Seven... quite apart from providing some thrilling entertainment for the big crowd that had braved the atrocious weather... would have brought a glow of satisfaction to those sportsmen whose indomitable spirit was the inspiration of the Shield.

After Kitchie had made short work of the Solicitors, by 5 goals to nil in the opening game, Au Chi-yin had out his side to defend the deep end in their quarter-final with only five minutes to go. KMB 'A' Police's opinion had the British in the next round but the ball had been kicked... or once again the prediction were wrong.

The Police boys, inspired by the tenacious fighting of Hunter in defence; the fiery foraging of Moi; and the persistent blind-and-naïve of Au Chi-yin turned in an astonishingly inadequate performance that would have brought a nod of approval

BYGRAVES-RICHARDSON

A Poor Championship Fight Ends In A Draw

Cardiff, May 27.

Joe Bygavages, Jamaican, lost his British Empire Heavyweight title tonight what he boxed a draw with Dick Richardson, the 22-year-old Welshman.

It was a poor championship fight and the referee was constantly forced to pull the men apart.

The fight took place in the open air at Maindy Stadium and 29,000 teary-eyed Welshmen were prepared to pull Richardson out but for long periods they were kept silent as Bygavages stood up to all that Richardson could offer and dealt out punishment himself.

The two were clinching in the very first minute and that, unfortunately, became the pattern.

As Richardson left the ring with blood gushing from his nose, supporters shouted: "Where is that power packed right?"

Throughout the 15 rounds the Welshman, coached by British Ex-Heavyweight Champion Johnny Williams (an expert at the left jab) certainly did well with this in opening up but he seemed loath to bring the "pay-off" right.

There were few crisp punches from either man and almost from the start the contest resolved into a brawling close-quarters struggle in which it was obvious that fitness would count.

—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis
Men's 'B' Division: KTGCA '2' v KTC '2'; CTC '1' v Recreco; CTC '1' v HKCC; SCAA '2' v RAV; HKCC '1' v Army; LSC '2' v CCC; HKCC '2'.
Ladies' 'B' Division: USBC '2' v SCAA; LSC '2' v Recreco; '2' v Recreco; '2' v CTC; CCC v LSC '2'.
TOMORROW

Tennis
Men's 'C' Division: SCAA '2' v HKCC; CTC '1' v Urban C. CCC '1' v KCC; Recreco v IHC.
Section 'B': CTC '2' v CCC '2'; KTGCA '2' v CCC; PORC v USBC; HKCC v SCAA '2'.
Mixed Division 'A': HKCC v KCC; SCAA v CTC.

Boxing
Victory Shield: Combined Chinese v Combined Services at Club Stadium, 8.30 p.m.

SHOWERS OF SPRAY

The rain poured down. The pitch—toujours la compensation—was under inches of water. The actions of the players and the contact of the ball sent showers of spray high in the air at every turn. The glue-pot conditions eliminated any chance of academic soccer... but they failed to dampen the enthusiasm of either side.

At the end of the original period of play the score was locked at one goal and three corners each so an additional period of five minutes each was had to be played. Again the scores were level at one goal and one corner each, and here Hunter got his only black mark for an error of judgement that gave KMB their goal.

It was obvious that his goal-keeper thought... as did the spectators... that the centre-half was going to play a hard hit ball with his head but, at the last moment, ducked out of the way. Caught unaware the goalie never had any chance to stop the greasy skidding ball from entering the net.

In accordance with the laws of the competition the sides went into action once again on the basis of the first goal or corner to decide the issue.

Driver on by goalkeeper Wan Fat-kim... who incidentally played an abridged game excellently and skipper Tang Sun, the KMB... threw everything into attack. It was good policy in the shielding playing conditions and might have brought quick success against any side but the inexcusable collection of policemen. Hunter suddenly cleared the ball out of the end area... it went to Moi, then to Au Chi-yin and the little forward waltzed over to neatly round Wan Fat-kim who had been upended. At the right moment boxer Moi Tsoi cut in on goal and accurately tucked the ball away in the corner of the net to give victory to his side.

GRAND OVATION

This was a truly magnificent encounter and both sides deserved every second of the grand ovation accorded to them as they trudged wearily back through the merciless mud to the dressing room.

The South China 'A' team and the Army 'B' side took to the water for what one standishly called "the third movement" of the "Swan Lake" ball.

The soldiers opened in great style and after a brilliant move Hogan put them in the lead with a grand goal. The game gave promise of being a real thriller. The promise was fulfilled.

A typically thoughtless tackle by Luk Tak-hay rocked Hogan and touched off a moment of undiscernible feeling. Shockingly poor refereeing—apart from television and broadcast rights for the three clubs in their new sites already have been drawn up and approved.

It also was understood that the proof will be submitted at the meeting guaranteeing the type of new parks which the Dodgers and Giants desire in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The shifts, if approved by the National League, could become effective for the 1958 season.

In New York, the ex-Cincinnatti Reds would become co-tenants at Yankee Stadium, the reports said.

Reports that the Dodgers and Giants were planning on moving have been current for some time. However, baseball men pointed out that it was unlikely that the National League club owners would permit both clubs to transfer their franchises to the West Coast and leave New York without a team in the National League.

That objection was overcome when the Reds agreed to shift to New York, this informed source said. Cincinnati preferred to shift to New York rather than the West Coast, accounting for the extra shift, it was said.—United Press.

WORLD RECORD



Britain's Diane Leather, first girl to run a five-minute mile, has now become the first girl to run a four-and-a-half-minute 1,500 metres.

At Hornchurch, Essex, Diane slashed 5.4 sec. off typist Phyllis Perkins' year-old record to make the new best 4 min. 30 sec.

This is seven seconds better than anything Russia's blonde bombshell Nina Otkalenko has ever accomplished.

Diane ran her race in wet and blustery weather.

—Express Photo.

Johansson Is The Best Heavyweight In Europe

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, May 26.

Just how good is Ingemar Johansson the burly Swede who retained his unbeaten record as a professional and his European heavyweight title in knocking out his British challenger, Henry Cooper, in Stockholm a week ago?

The answer is difficult to give, for, when a sportsman in any sport keeps on winning it is extremely difficult to say just how good he is until he meets someone better.

What is quite clear is that the Swede has a devastating punch with his right hand with which he won his title from the Italian, Enrico Cavicchi, and also knocked out Cooper—a punch of which even the world's best fighters would have to steer clear if they did not want to run into dire trouble.

It would also seem that Johansson has an ice-cold brain for he boxed against Cooper with the greatest of confidence and was not stampeded into attempting to go for the kill from the start.

He said before he entered the ring that he was going to size his man up before taking any chances, which is precisely what he did.

At the very first opportunity when he saw a good opening he let fly with a great right jab which sent the English giant tottering to the boards to take the full count without realising what had hit him. So swiftly was the blow delivered that few saw it land. Only Cooper could say for certain: he knew all right!

BEST HEAVYWEIGHT

There is little doubt that Johansson is the best heavyweight in Europe. Already winner of 17 professional bouts he should not lose his title for some years unless some new find appears on the horizon.

There is none of his calling in Britain, and probably Helmut Neuland of Germany, who is very eager to fight on for the title is the most likely man to challenge him.

How could the Swede fare against the top ranking Americans whom he is now eager to meet? There are those who say he is not experienced enough to tackle this, but if he wants to

win the title he must be the subconscious of a hefty American again.

He should have gained the necessary confidence during the past five years, what he now needs is more experience against men of his class.

Those who think the Swede may not be top class may have a surprise awaiting them. He at least has a punch now when he comes to heavier weights than 150 lb. that counts most of all.

His career will be followed with the greatest of interest by all boxing fans this side of the Atlantic.—China Mail Special.

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THE MODERN-DAY RUSSIAN MISS
Good Builders Or Doctors
But Terrible Housewives

By JOHN RETTIE

Moscow, May 27.
As an engineer, builder, doctor or athlete a Russian girl excels. But ask her to knit you a sweater, cook your supper or darn your sock—and she is lost.

A modern Russian girl regards housekeeping and everything associated with it as not only dull, but also slightly degrading. They are all right for "capitalist" countries where women are not really free to do anything else, she thinks, but in the Soviet Union a girl must have a career.

Also, if she is a working-class girl, her family will certainly need her wage to be added to the family pool.

In any case, there is no incentive in housekeeping, which is still a very dreary business in the Soviet Union. Vacuum cleaners, floor-polishers and other such household goods are now fairly plentiful in Moscow shops. But in the country as a whole very few labour-saving devices are on sale.

Depressing?

Kitchens, too, usually have to be shared between several families living in the same flat, and to most women nothing makes housekeeping more depressing than that. Few kitchens are fitted with modern equipment, and many do not have running water or gas, though great efforts are being made to lay on these amenities everywhere. Cooking by electricity is rare.

So, the housework is often done by "babushka"—granny. "Babushka" cooks, dries, cleans, stands in the shopping queues, pays the bills, and does all the other chores which must be done. This is very convenient for all concerned, for with housing still acutely short, families almost certainly live with them and their parents, probably in the same room.

But the result is that many young girls are good at their jobs, but useless at home, even after they get married.

One girl in her late twenties, though undoubtedly an exception, did not even know how the milk got into the house—whether it was delivered, or whether someone went out to buy it. "My mother deals with that," she explained.

When she got married, she was asked how she would look after her husband, since she could neither cook nor sew. "Oh, we shall live with his parents, and his mother will look after us," she said. Yet in her job, this girl was irreproachable.

Amazement

Another girl about the same age, no less successful in her career, opened her eyes in amazement when she saw a foreign girl painting her own nails and knitting. "Were you taught that at school, or did you take a course?" she asked with unconcerned admiration.

This girl said that she always went to a manicurist to have her nails painted, at 10 roubles a time. It must be said, though, that most Russian girls who use nail varnish (and they are still relatively few) can put it on themselves. Almost certainly, however, they do not know how to knit.

The questions of cosmetics and whether a girl should spend time making herself up have been difficult for Soviet women. The generation which grew up after the 1917 Revolution had no time for such trifles. They were busy reorganising a country shattered by war, revolution and civil strife, and building what is described here as a "new socialist society."

Their privations were many. They had neither the time nor the means to think of these luxuries. Soviet industry produced hardly any cosmetics, and foreign currency was much too precious to be used to import them.

Not Frills

Then, just when they might have begun to pay some attention to their appearance, came the Second World War, and more privation. After the war, came the cold war, during which it was frowned on as "show-boating" to bourgeois society to use make-up. A Soviet girl, interested in war, not girls, was the official line.

Anyone who did use cosmetics, apart from actresses and ballerinas, was branded as a "Bolshevik," an ideologic girl, the female equivalent of a "Soviet" or "Reddy boy."

When Stalin died in 1953 and the cold war ended, the young generation's urge to overcome boredom and drabness became

irresistible. The newspaper began to explain that you could tell a "Dinamista" by her "lack of spiritual qualities," not by the amount of lipstick and powder she used, or whether she wore a tight skirt. (The same went for "Salyagin," one narrow-trousered)

However, the "anti-dinamista" attitude dies hard, especially at high schools. Attempts by a young girl to make herself look feminine and attractive is often regarded as gross affection.

One of the first comments of British mannequins who staged a fashion show in Moscow last summer was that judging from what one saw in the streets, Soviet women seemed to have lost their femininity.

But as the general ease-up in Soviet life continues, many Soviet women have launched a determined attack on the "diehards." They have decided that to look feminine is not a crime or a sign of moral degradation. The change is impressive.

Three years ago a well-dressed, well-made-up woman in Moscow could immediately be identified as a foreigner or a star from the Bolshoi Theatre.

More Style

Today, it is easy to make a mistake. There is more style and colour in women's clothing, more use of cosmetics, more variety and ingenuity in hair styles. In short, women are more attractive.

But it is not always good for the child—China Mail Special.

At the same time, efforts are being made to teach girls to cook, sew and do things about the house themselves. Shops and fashion houses encourage girls to make their own clothes. Officially—sponsored—sewing circles are springing up. Schoolgirls are being taught cooking and sewing, though knowledge is apparently still out of favour.

The newspaper "Soviet Trade" in a publicity article about a cooking circle at one Moscow school, asked: "Can girls who go out into the wide world to start an independent life, prepare a lunch, dinner or light supper at home, or even make tea properly?"

Parents, and especially "babushkins," are largely responsible for this situation. Many of them suffered much in their youth, and they are determined that their children shall have only the best. As a result their children, or grandchildren, are scandalously spoilt.

One of the Soviet Government's great boasts is that in no other country is so much care taken of children by the State. A case can be made out for this claim. But at home it is carried too far. Nowhere else do parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts wait hand and foot on children; nowhere else is a child always the centre of attention. But it is not always good for the child—China Mail Special.

Angela Smith, 19, of London, who last week was elected Britain's "Cotton Queen". She receives a cheque for £1,000, plus a wardrobe valued at £250. Displaying British fashions, she is to make a British Commonwealth tour, visiting New Zealand, Australia, South and Central Africa.

—Express Photo.

BRITAIN'S 'COTTON QUEEN'

PANAMA ASKS
FOR MORE OF
CANAL'S TAKE

Panama City, May 27.

Panama's refusal to grant the United States land for Nike guided missile sites is regarded as evidence of Panama's increasing determination to extract from the United States a greater share of the cash and commerce derived from the Panama Canal.

Panama said, in effect, that the granting of any such sites was not provided for under existing treaties. Treaty arrangement would, therefore, have to be reopened as a whole if the sites were to be granted.

The United States, which has had due warning of the claim which Panama would press in any treaty negotiations, has made no effort to repeat the Nike request. With the primary threat to the United States regarded as lying in another direction, the Panama Canal has a lower place than hitherto on the Pentagon's list of defence priorities.

Hardening

The establishment of Nike sites outside the ten miles wide United States-controlled Canal Zone apparently was not regarded as so essential as to be worth the diplomatic wrangling which would surely ensue were existing treaty provisions brought up for review.

But the terms of the Panamanian reply to the United States request are regarded here as an indication of the Latin Republic's hardening attitude.

It is reliably understood to have been based on a section of one of the treaties between the two countries which says that should any threat of aggression exist which endangers the security of the Canal, the two governments will take defence measures to protect their common interests.

The daring attack coincided with a flareup of civil terrorism throughout Algeria—United States press.

Status Quo

United States policy seems to be aimed at maintaining the status quo, and, according to prevent any escalation being drawn between the Suez and Panama Canal situations. The very earnestness of their efforts in the Latin American direction has brought failure. Colonel Nasar's spectacular activities could not help but attract the attention of Panamanians.

From the United States point of view, there is little cause for re-negotiating existing treaties, as Panama has nothing of significance to offer the United States. Even the Nike sites do not seem to have been vital.

Some observers here have read into recent large-scale manoeuvres held here by the United States armed services an effort to overawe Panama. Actually, plans had been made to hold the manoeuvres two years ago. It was merely a coincidence that they should take place at this time. —China Mail Special.

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Aden, Middle East, Navy, 12 p.m.
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Radio Hongkong

5.30 p.m. Time for Children presented by Elizabeth; 6.30 p.m. Programme Summary; 6.45, "Round the World" (U.S.A.); 7.00, "The Continental Guards"; 7.15, "Music of the Month"; 7.30, "Folklore"; 7.45, "First Reading"; presented by Ronald Deacon; 7.55, "Weather Forecast"; 8.00, "Time Signal"; 8.05, "Top Comedy"; 8.15, "Stop-Press Item"; 8.15, "Cinemas—Hollywood"; 8.30, "Choir and Orchestra"; 8.45, "Dinner-Boat Shaker"; 8.55, "Portrait of George Frederic Handel"; 9.05, "Letters from America" by Alan Aldridge; 9.15, "Hawaiian Music" with Robbie Britton and Peter Lowe; 10.30, "Worries and Wishes"; 10.45, "Guitar"; 11.00, "Singing"; 11.15, "Radio Newcastle"; 11.45, "Goodnight Music"; 11.55, "Close Down".

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3 p.m. "Music" (Music); 4.00, "Partners" (A Song—Popular Songs featuring Canadian artists); 4.15, "The Story of Hattie Castle"; 4.45, "The Story of Rendezvous"; 4.50, "Vocalise"; 5.00, "Children's Corner"; 5.15, "Children's Corner—Presented by Auntie Ray"; 5.30, "Progressive Jazz"; 5.45, "Coneys"; 5.55, "The Story of the Boat Shaker"; 6.15, "Letters from America" by Alan Aldridge; 6.30, "Hawaiian Music" with Robbie Britton and Peter Lowe; 7.00, "Worries and Wishes"; 7.15, "Guitar"; 7.30, "Singing"; 7.45, "Radio Newcastle"; 7.55, "Close Down".

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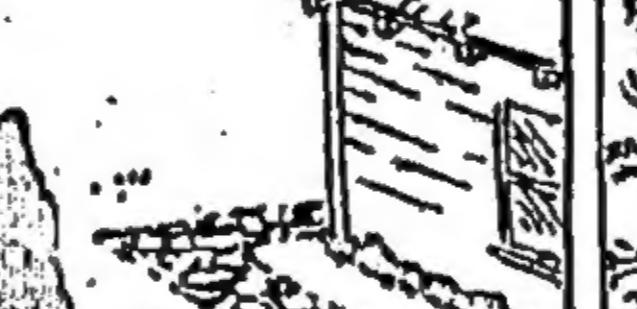


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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Atomic Power Stations' Trade War
UNITED STATES
AND BRITAIN
VIE FOR SALES

From RONALD BOXALL

London, May 27. Preliminary skirmishing in a new kind of trade war—the rivalry between Britain and the United States to sell atomic power stations to third countries—has already revealed potential points of weakness and strength in the contestants' armories.

Strangely enough the two greatest political allies in the world are competing in the first instance for valuable orders from the ex-enemy countries, Japan and Germany.

The first thrust was made by the United States. At a United States-Japan Atomic Conference in Tokyo, just over a week ago, American officials called Britain's pioneering Calder Hall nuclear power station "clumsy, ineffectual and dangerous."

British Government parried neatly. "The best answer to chauvinism," said the Paymaster General, "is to show what the critics have not."

There indeed lies Britain's main strength in this struggle for atomic exports. Alone among industrial nations of the world, it has nuclear power stations actually in operation.

Big Lead

And whatever American officials may tell potential customers, American engineers admit that Britain has built up a big lead.

In a report to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, an American firm compared Calder Hall's gas-cooled reactor with the pressurized water-cooled reactor under construction at Shippingport, Pennsylvania. The British-made reactor, they said, would be less expensive because of lower construction costs and capital charges. Construction of either reactor would cost about 50 per cent more in America.

The British type of nuclear power station is another big selling advantage. It uses as fuel the comparatively plentiful natural uranium. America's fuel is enriched uranium, a rare material which is obtainable in quantity only from the United States and Russia. So any country committing itself to the American type of plant faces the risks involved in having its fuel supply dependent on its political standing in Washington or Moscow.

Advantages

These factors give Britain substantial advantages in the atomic export. But the big potential customers want eventually to build their own nuclear power stations. So they are in the market for two commodities: complete atomic power stations to keep their power supply problems from getting out of hand and technical information to enable them to build their own as soon as possible.

Britain has a working station for sale. But America at the moment appears to be the more willing seller of "know-how" even though theirs is less complete than Britain's.

This was a big point in America's favour when Japan was deciding whether to buy British or American nuclear power stations. It compromised and last week announced it would buy one of each.

Britain is still in the lead but America has started a dangerous outflanking movement. Against a reported plan for Britain to train Japanese technicians at Calder Hall while their own atomic power station is being built, the American Westinghouse Electric International Company is negotiating a technical tie-up covering the production of atom power equipment with the Japanese Mitsubishi Electric Company. And International General Electric is believed to be negotiating a similar agreement with Tokyo Shiba Electric.

Salesmanship

Another advantage that America has is that it is able to offer through its Export-Import Bank generous credit terms for the purchase of atomic power stations. Britain has no similar scheme and its sale of a nuclear power station

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business清淡 on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$118,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS	1,000		
INSURANCES	1,021		
SHIPPING	7,36 7,40	123 125	7,40
DOCKS, ETC.	105		
LAND, ETC.	43 44		
TRUST	13 13.20		
UTILITIES	1,471 1,50		
INDUSTRIALS	22.30 22.70	227 228	125
STORES, ETC.	33.50 33.75	330 332	33.75
OPTIONS	18.00 19.50	200 200	19.50
TEXTILES	22.00 22.50	200 200	22.50
NYSE	9.50 10	200 200	9.50
Telephone	27 27.10	1478 1478	27.10
MISCELLANEOUS	201		
ENTERPRISES	6.10		
INVESTMENTS	4.40		
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to Japan will presumably be financed in the ordinary way.

Still at the moment it is technical ability rather than slick salesmanship that is winning the orders. Small British reactors have been sold or are being sold to Germany, Denmark and Australia, and a German group is coming to London this week to discuss purchase of a full-scale Calder Hall type power station. To date actual and probable orders for British atomic plants amount to nearly £50 million.

But the race is just beginning. Britain is in the lead because it has the only working atomic power station in the world and its streets ahead of other countries in know-how. But this will not always be the case. Other countries will one day be building their own atomic power stations—and that is when salesmanship will really count.

Cancer Scare
Causes Heavy
Tobacco Selling

London, May 27. British Government met a technical recovery but stocks generally were mixed on the London Exchange today.

New "cancer" scares caused heavy selling in tobacco shares, with British-American off more than 2 shillings and Imperial Tobacco down more than 1 shilling.

Good steel export figures helped steel shares rise about a shilling generally.

In other sections there were moderate rises at the opening, but only a few were able to hold gains. Royal Dutch rose 1½ in an otherwise unchanged oil group.

In the British Government section War Loan was marked up more than 17 shillings. Old Consols was up more than 12 shillings. The advances followed declines to new lows on Friday.

In the foreign bond section Japanese lines were strong, and Germans weak—United Press.

New York Sugar
Market

London, May 27. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 5 points lower with sales of 733 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 points lower to 3 points higher with sales of 44 contracts.

World contracts prices softened toward the close under realising after a forenoon period of firmness on trade covering operations and reflecting the firmer raw situation.

Contract No. 6 (world)

July 5.00

September 5.00

October 5.02

December 5.04

March 5.05

May 5.05

July 5.05

September 5.05

Open interest: 8,184 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

July 5.00

September 5.00

October 5.02

December 5.04

March 5.05

May 5.05

July 5.05

September 5.05

Open interest: 5,411 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

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DOES HK WANT REFUGEE AID?

Delegate's Query At UN Meeting

Geneva, May 28.

A delegate at an international refugee conference said today there was an "apparent lack of enthusiasm on the part of the British Government, both in the UK and in Hongkong, that the refugee problem should become an international responsibility."

He was Dr Elean Rees, described as "an expert on the Middle East Refugee problem".

He asked the British delegate for clarification on the Hongkong problem. The British delegate was absent at the time.

The conference, on "the refugee problem—today and tomorrow," opened here today, attended by 180 representatives of more than 60 non-governmental and voluntary agencies with consultative status in the United Nations.

Dr Rees said two important new factors had entered the situation in the last two months.

FIRST TIME'

"Firstly, the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham, has for the first time specifically deprecated the lack of outside assistance received by the Government of the Colony in its efforts to cope with the problem," Dr Rees said.

"I am still not sure whether this is echoed in the hearts and minds of the Colonial Office in London."

He said the second factor was the publication of a "Lengthy and moving appeal" on behalf of the refugees by the Association of Agencies working in Hongkong.

Dr Rees said "many of us will wish to press for constructive action" at the next session of the United Nations' general assembly.

A policeman looked up to see what the fuss was about.

TO THE RESCUE

HE saw the lonely figure of Charles swaying through the busy traffic.

The policeman went to his rescue, steered him to a pavilion and said (if he was later quoting himself correctly): "Please conduct yourself in a proper manner and walk on the footway."

To which Charles replied: "Mind your own so-and-so business."

Then Charles, a lean, short, sun-tanned man, began to shout and argue. He was arrested for being drunk and disorderly, and at Bow Street next morning pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The police-surgeon who, on his request, had examined him the night before, went into the witness-box, again on Charles's asking.

"I came to the conclusion," the doctor said, "that this man had taken alcohol to excess, but had probably recovered... He had examined Charles 30 minutes after his arrest."

" Didn't I ask if I was drunk, and you said no?" Charles demanded.

"I didn't say 'no,'" the doctor answered. "I think I said something like 'You've had a good ration of alcohol tonight.'

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THE case was found proved. The magistrate, Mr R. H. Blandford, fined Charles 10s. and ordered him to pay £2 12s. 6d. doctor's fees.

"But I thought it was 25 bob," Charles protested.

"You've had him called again today," the magistrate said. "He's entitled to..."

Charles did not wait to hear the rest, but turned and hurried out as if he did not want to run the risk of incurring another consultation fee.

Sent For Trial On Robbery Charge

Tsoi Chiu, alias Chiu Teal, unemployed, was committed for trial at Supreme Court by Mr W. F. Pickering at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of robbery by two or more persons.

It was alleged that the defendant, with two or more persons, set upon a Chinese woman, Tam Sui-lui, and her three sons and robbed her of her wrist watch, a purse containing \$11.50 and another wrist watch belonging to one of her sons on a hillside of Ming Yuen Hill, North Point, on December 2 last.

This scene was snapped yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce Primary School at Yuen Long. — China Mail Photo.

STAND-BY ORDERED AS RAIN CONTINUES

In view of the heavy rain which has fallen since dawn today, the Fire Brigade, the Police, the Army, the New Territories District Administration and other bodies are standing by in case of further emergencies in the New Territories.

There was no further flooding this morning in Yuen Long District where rescue workers yesterday evacuated about 1,500 people from three nearby villages.

A 49-year-old woman living at Kal Ling Village in Sheung Shui area was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon and killed.

BRIDGE DOWN

The So Kun Wat bridge at 18½ miles post on Castle Peak Road has been repaired and this route is now open to traffic.

The road approach on the Kam Tin Road Au Tau cross-roads to Pat Heung, however, is under water and completely closed because the bridge at Kam Tin has been washed away.

Tai Po Road is open only to private cars and other vehicles up to 15 cwt and drivers are advised when travelling over the Bailey Bridge at 3½ miles post at Tai Wo Ping to proceed in single line at a speed not exceeding 8 m.p.h.

NULLAH OVERFLOWING

Hiram's Highway, leading to Salkung is closed because of a bridge collapse.

In Kowloon itself all roads are open, although the nullah near Li Cheng Uk Village is overflowing.

In Hongkong about 30 trams travelling from North Point were held up in King's Road near Mercury Street at about 11 a.m. today as mud washed down from the hillside on to the tram lines.

More than 20 coolies were engaged to clear the slit and the trams resumed their service after twenty minutes.

The floods in Tunglwan Road caused the No. 5 and No. 10 trams to travel via King's Road instead.

VISCOUNT RETURNS

Due to the bad weather Phillips Air Line's Viscount proving flight due to arrive this morning has returned to Manila. It will make another attempt to come to Hongkong this afternoon.

A North-west Airlines plane from Taipei, scheduled to arrive at 10 a.m. was diverted to Manila.

Governor Returns

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, returned to the mv Talay early this morning from an unofficial visit to Macao.

His Excellency went to the Portuguese Colony yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr R. White, ADC.

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